

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 3, and 19.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4-8. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

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1. (Amended) A method for producing an improved particulate composition comprising:
- (a) controlling the moisture content of a drying gas, [expressed as a dew point in degrees C,] to a selected level which is maintained to an accuracy of at least 1 °C;
  - (b) atomizing a liquid feed to form liquid droplets; and
  - (c) contacting the liquid droplets with the drying gas of step (a);
- thereby drying the liquid droplets to form spray dried particles having the largest median geometric diameter, lowest median aerodynamic diameter, and a minimized tap density.

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4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the dew point is in the range between about 0° C and -40° C.
5. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the aerodynamic diameter is less than about 5 microns.
6. (Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the aerodynamic diameter is less than about 3 microns.
7. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the tap density is less than about 0.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the tap density is less than about 0.1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.